

Patent claims

1. Method of producing a jointless and porous granular covering (1), in which rubber-elastic granules (3) and a binder (5) are mixed and applied to a base (7) to form a sheetlike surfacing (6), characterized in that, prior to the curing of the binder (5), the sheetlike surfacing (6) is compacted and smoothed on its upper side (11), and in that, prior to the curing of the binder (5), the compacted surfacing (15) is provided with a texture (20) on its upper side (14) by being subjected to mechanical pressure using an uneven embossing face (19).
2. Method according to Claim 1, characterized in that the granules (3) have a mean particle size in the range from 0.1 to 3 mm, preferably 0.5 to 1.5 mm.
3. Method according to Claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the compacted surfacing (15) is textured using a roller (16) which has an uneven roller surface (19).
4. Method according to one of Claims 1 to 3, characterized in that the surfacing (6) is compacted and smoothed using a heated screed (12).
5. Method according to one of Claims 1 to 4, characterized in that the compacted and smoothed surfacing (15) is textured using a heated or unheated roller (16).
6. Method according to one of Claims 1 to 5, characterized in that the compacted and smoothed surfacing (15) is provided with an irregular texture (20).

- 5 7. Granular covering produced by the method according to Claim 1, characterized in that its upper side (20) has been provided with elevations and depressions (4) in an irregular or regular arrangement.
8. Granular covering according to Claim 7, characterized in that it is intended for sports facilities.
- 10 9. Granular covering according to Claim 8, characterized in that it forms the surfacing of a running track.
- 15 10. Granular covering according to Claim 1, characterized in that it is intended for a gymnastics area, play area or school playground and has regions of different texture or with a smooth upper side.